

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 912

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative JoAnne Favors for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative JoAnne Favors of Chattanooga is one such distinguished public servant, who has served both her constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, JoAnne Favors has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of Hamilton County, representing House District 29 as a member of the 104th, 105th, 106th, and 107th General Assemblies and House District 28 as a member of the 108th, 109th, and 110th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, the eldest of Brittie Jackson Ervin and Joseph Humphries's eleven children, Representative JoAnne Favors obtained both an associate and a bachelor's degree in nursing, thereafter gaining licensure as a registered nurse and going on to receive her master's degree in nursing administration and adult health; she is a retired health administrator and associate professor of nursing, in addition to her work as a consultant and motivational speaker; and

WHEREAS, she left an indelible mark on her profession as a member of the Tennessee and American Nurses Associations and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nurses and a trustee of Erlanger Health System from 1997 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Representative Favors is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Hamilton County, having served with distinction as a member of the Hamilton County Commission from 1998 to 2005, co-founder of the Southside Family Reunion, vice chair of the Hamilton County Democratic Party, and a member of the Hamilton County Democratic Women's Club, Howard High School Alumni Association, and the Daughters of Elks Temple #364; and

WHEREAS, she is also an esteemed member of Olivet Baptist Church, the Gamma Theta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Unity Group (PUSH), National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Women in Government, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women, and the Women's Leadership Council's Board of Directors; a life member of the NAACP; the founder of Tennessee Intergenerational Political Network; and co-chair of Mayor Andy Berke's Council on Women; and

WHEREAS, an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during her time in the General Assembly, Representative Favors has rendered sterling service as a member of the House Business and Utilities Committee, the House Health Committee, the House Health Subcommittee, the House Rules Committee, the House Insurance and Banking Committee, the House Insurance and Banking Subcommittee, the House Commerce Committee, the House General Subcommittee of Commerce, the House General Subcommittee of Health and Human Resources, the House Industrial Impact Subcommittee, the House Children and Family Affairs Committee, the House Domestic Relations Subcommittee, the House Public Health and Family Assistance Subcommittee, and the House Small Business Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Favors also served with distinction as assistant majority whip during the 104th General Assembly, chair of the House Professional Occupations Subcommittee and secretary of the House Health and Human Resources Committee during the 105th General Assembly, vice chair of the House Professional Occupations Subcommittee during the 106th General Assembly, vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus during the 108th

General Assembly, and House Democratic Caucus whip during the 109th and 110th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Favors has been recognized as Legislator of the Year by the Tennessee Nurses Association and Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Excelsior Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and she has been honored with the Whitney Young Distinguished Service Award from the Urban League, the Black Pioneer Woman Award from 100 Black Women, the Mary Walker Historical Association Award, the Sounds of Unity Heritage Distinguished Service Award, the Unbought, Unbossed Award from Girls, Inc., the NAACP's Ruby Hurley Humanitarian Award, the Tennessee Primary Care Association Award, and the Chattanooga Living Legends Award; and

WHEREAS, a nursing professional, she was honored with the Nurse of the Year award for District Four by the Tennessee Nurses Association, the Charles P. Darling Award by the Tennessee Primary Care Association, the Distinguished Service Award by the Southside and Dodson Avenue Community Health Centers, and the William V. Corr Award for Leadership by the Tennessee Primary Care Network; and

WHEREAS, Representative Favors is a devoted professional and civic leader, and she has proven that citizens can make a difference through being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Representative JoAnne Favors is perhaps most grateful for the love of her family: her four children, Marva, Kimberly, Randy, and Karen, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout her outstanding career as a public servant, JoAnne Favors has worked tirelessly on behalf of her constituents, bringing to her office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, Representative JoAnne Favors is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized for her exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative JoAnne Favors for her meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend her for her countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Hamilton County, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.